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MONTEREY NEWS

October, 1980

T O W N N E W S

Special Town Meeting

A special town meeting is scheduled for October 27 at 7:30 PM Items on the agenda include transfers of funds, refueling of certain budgets, and an article asking for $1000 to hire an energy consultant to manage the technical data in applications for "innovative energy grants" for the town.

International Energy Contest

Preparations have been underway for several weeks for Monterey's participation in the International Conservation Days Competition October 22 to 25. Energy Project Chairman Mickey Friedman, Selectman Jed Lipsky and CET consultant Ned Nisson travelled to Boston on October 1 for the formal announcement of the Competition at the Canadian Consulate. The three returned to Monterey by plane with State Secretary of Energy Joe Fitzpatrick for a press conference in the social room of the United Church of Christ attended by media representatives, Monterey citizens and Representative Denis Duffin. Governor King declared the week of September 29 - October 4 Energy Awareness Week in the Commonwealth. A free Training Session in Low Cost Weatherization was offered to interested parties in Monterey on October 2 in the church social room by Dom Pirisi of the State Energy Office. Following that, an order form for bulk purchasing of simple weatherization materials was put together for Town residents, the materials to be delivered October 25. Monterey has been written up in the Boston Globe and talked about on local radio programs. ABC TV has called about filming the contest days. Dick Tryon got a letter from Edward Kennedy offering congratulations and encouragement. Mickey got a taunting letter from Summerside, Prince Edward Island, one of Monterey's competitor towns.

Townspeople are making posters, designing sweatshirts, printing up an Energy Manual, painting banners and billboards. People are starting to think seriously about energy use, especially the consumption of electricity. What if the World Series runs over into Wednesday the 22nd? Can we in all conscience turn on our TV sets on the opening night of the Big Contest? Mt. Everett High School is sending over its carpentry class, specialists in residential solar systems, to help us tighten up. Grades K to 12 are initiating art, language art and science projects to tune the awareness of the school kids. County businesses have donated all kinds of stuff, from free food for 300 to free lumber for our signs. The General Store is turning off its coolers. Allen Steinberg is turning off his electric kiln. Everybody's digging out kerosene lamps, camp stoves and down comforters. Hold on to your hand-crafted wool caps, Prince Edward Islanders, this is War.

October Community Dinner

The October Community Dinner will be preceded by one of Monterey's fabulous and unique homespun Parades. As always, everybody is invited to participate. Bring your Energy Contest Flags and plenty of noisemakers. The Parade will begin with a blast from the Monterey Fire Sirens accompanied by general hullabaloo, probably around 5:30 PM. The Energy Contest begins at 6:00 PM. The Community Dinner will begin at 6:30 PM, and those who come are urged to bring a dish cooked on a heat source other than electricity. People with special ingenuity are encouraged to cook on the top of a wood stove, in their fireplace, on a camp stove or on an open fire. The Program will be centered around strategies for winning the contest. Come with ideas. Special request: Mary Ward, Chairperson of the Dinner, can use donations of kerosene lamps and fire extinguishers for the occasion. Phone: 528-9243.

CET Gets Grant

The Center of Ecological Technology in Pittsfield has recently received a grant of $ 3000 from a private foundation. CET intends to use the money to serve the purpose of the Energy Project in Monterey. A computerized study of the home audit forms in Monterey will be completed. Wind patterns in town will be monitored and an estimate of the potential for generating wind power will be made. An evaluation will be made as to how Monterey's potential for generating power will coordinate with the needs of Mass Electric.

CATHOLIC CHURCHES CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Mass at Immaculate Conception in Mill River: ... Sundays. Mass at Our Lady of the Valley, She... 5:30 PM Saturday, 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM and 10:00

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Worship and Regular Meetings

Morning Worship each Sund... 10:30 AM. Childcare each Sund... at 10:30 AM in the Social Room. Meditation and prayer for the community, inviting all who wish to join us, each Thursday, 7:30 AM in the Social Room. Prayer Group each Thursday, 7:45 PM at Lucy Smith's home.

Responsible Energy Sabbath

The weekend of October 17 - 19 has been designated by all the major religions in America as Responsible Energy Sabbath. The purpose of this special observance is to call upon all people as a religious duty to exercise greater responsibility in the way we use the earth and its resources. In Monterey at the 10:30 Morning Worship on Sunday, October 19 we intend to focus the entire service on our responsibility before God and each other to use the whole earth with reverence and responsibility. All in the community are invited to participate and thus begin our particular energy conservation project.

Western Area, Association Meetings, Overlock Installation

Sunday, October 19 is a full day for the churches of the Western Area of the Massachusetts United Church of Christ. In the Lee United Church of Christ beginning at 2:30 the Berkshire Association will meet, as will the other three Western Area Associations. Then there will be a joint meeting of the Associations in a Western Area meeting. Finally at 5 o'clock there will be a service of installation to install the Rev. Donald Overlock as the Western Area minister and as a part of the staff of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ. A good delegation from Monterey is expected to attend this event.

Active Library Planned by Parish Council

The Parish Council acted to plan for a "lean but active" library. Several book shelves will be placed immediately above the current literature table. The library will begin by a loan of some books by Eleanor Goodyear. A library committee is being formed to be responsible for the purchase of current books and also bear responsibility to take out of circulation books no longer being read. Named to the committee already are Judith Hayes and Elizabeth Simons.

Church Clean-up Day

The job is to clean up all sorts or nocks and crannies. The place is the sanctury and social room. The day is Saturday, October 18. The reason is that with time many places need special attention. Bring buckets and sponges. And, Oh Yes, the time is 10:00 AM. We need you.

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There will be a public meeting sponsered by the League of Women Voters, Wednesday, October 29, 7:30 PM at Monument Mountain High School. The topic is "Health Hazards in a Nuclear Society". The speaker will be a physician / Physicians for Social Responsibility.

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The Monterey community honored Bretta Dellig, Gould Farm's first manager of Road-side Store with a lavish ham dinner at the Grange Hall on September 19th. Warm and loving tributes to Bretta and the wonderful work she has accomplished at the store flowed freely. As Bretta leaves on a trip to the West and then to assume new responsibilities at Farrington House, the Farm's half-way house in Lincoln, Mass., we all wish her well. She will be sorely missed, but we are all the richer for having known her.

As this issue goes to print definite plans have not yet been announced for the Halloween celebration in town. The selectmen will name the day. Then when costumed boys and girls come by to trick or treat many of them will also be carrying the familiar UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY FUND boxes of yellow in which to contribute to this worthy organization. Your generosity will help!

ON GAINING NEW PERSPECTIVES

Usually each September we vacation for several weeks at Point Judith on the coast of Rhode Island. The shore-line at the particular place where we stay is protected by a marvelous construction of stonework extending into the sea on two sides with a third long angled wall of stones placed so as to protect the bay from the direct sweep of the wind and the waves. It is called the Harbor of Refuge. It was built to protect ships in time of storm. From the positioning of our cottage on the bay and within the Harbor of Refuge I developed a rather clear impression of the protecting walls of stones. For a number of years my impression of these walls has changed very little. But this year I began to pay more attention. I noticed in walking along the shore-line that my earlier impressions were inadequate. From my usual place of viewing I had failed to see some of the angles in the wall. This year for the first time we took the ferry to Block Island. This gave me another perspective on the harbor and it helped in correcting even further my early "internal picture" of the walls of stone. What it is important to see is that my internal picture and the actual structure of the walls were quite different from each other. But it is also important to note that as I gained further new perspectives in looking at this wall it enabled me to true up my internal picture.

It occurs to me that all through life this is a process that is going on unceasingly. It happens so gradually that we hardly notice it. Yet how much wisdom, yes and grace, it would give us if we were to recognize that all of our seeing is partial and imperfect. Then, further, how much we would be enriched if we held in conjunction with this view the understanding that we can use our lives to perfect our "seeing".

Consider how much it would add to our lives if we had the humility and the grace to recognize that all our seeing is partial and limited. It would save us from dispersing so much needless dogmatism and arrogance. In one of the world's greatest statements on love St. Paul talks about the fact that "now we see through a glass darkly". The now refers to our present earthly existence. Seeing through a glass darkly refers to our limited capacity to see and know. Our seeing and knowing is limited, partial, incomplete. Consider, for instance, how our abiliyy to love could be improved if we were not drawn into dogmatic certainty that is forever trying to prove that I am right and you are wrong. People come to me with marriage problems. Each is in great distress finding the other taking a stubborn inflexible position that sees the "facts" of their relationship from an almost totally different point of view. The counselor is no help at all if he tries to take the position of judge and decide which is right. The only real help is if each one of the aggreived parties gains a deepened capacity to recognise how limited and incomplete is his/her seeing. Love can begin to grow again in that climate. But love has a rocky road to travel with two people whose pride insists that each has perfect vision.

The capacity for humility is emphasized over and over again by all the world's great teachers. Humility turns out to be such a necessary quality because without it learning is practically impossible. What is learning but to add on and add on to what we already know? In that moment during which I make the assertion that my seeing requires no further correction I am declaring myself to be unteachable.

The prime requirement for development is teachableness in whatever area we may name, be it in our work, in science or in faith. This quality of teachableness is much harder to come by for the person who is sure that his perceptions are the only right ones. This is truly one of the classic ironies of life that life unfolds, opens and trues up to the person who is intimately acquainted with his capacity to be wrong. When finally I began to deal with years of steadily held misconceptions of the Harbor of Refuge I began to get a truer picture of it.

My second observation is that life is correctable, indeed, perfectable. We should see all of life as an opportunity, yes, even as an invitation to work toward perfection. Perhaps I should be super cautious in mentioning the word perfection after having spoken of how important it is to recognize our capacity to be mistaken, yet the quality of perfectabiliyy and the capacity to admit error are inseparably limited. You can't have the one without the other. Life is correctable and infinitely perfectable. Therein lies its glory.

One of the tragedies of the time in which we are living is that there has come to be a serious diminishment in the belief of life's perfectabiliyy. Our present predicament is that many people seem to be resigned to "milling around in the mess were in". There is an ancient statement of this belief which declares there is nothing new under the sun. There is also the philosophy that history is nothing more than a dreary repetition, repeating itself over and over again.

Over against this pessimistic view of history is the Judeo-Christian belief that God is acting in history and that this actioniis aimed at nothing less than the redeeming and perfecting of the whole created universe. To be sure, this is a view that plays itself out on an immense stage and it uses nothing less than eternity to accomplish its purposes. Yet if once you and I can get it inside our skins, then what you and I do, today and tomorrow, is of immense significance. We are a part of a drama that is so vast it staggers the imagination. Yet that may be the problem.

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GOULD FARM NEWS

Ken Gleason, director of maintenance at the Farm, says that we are making efforts to save energy in much the same way as other people are doing. In the period from October 22 to 25, special efforts will be made. No breakfast toast will be served. Alexander Dreier reports that milking of the cows will be done by hand, instead of with electric machinery. The use of electric dryers will be discouraged. Clothes will be hung up to dry. There will be a minimal use of lighting. Dinners will be by candlelight. Many of the small cottages are heated by wood stoves. Where central heating is ordinarily used, fireplaces will be kept going instead. At the community meeting that week, there will be a discussion of energy use.

On September 23, Lucas Caspar Dreier announced his arrival at Gould Farm. He was warmly welcomed by his parents Alexander and Olivia and his brother Matthew.

We congratulate Ginna Tookey and Bob Ensign on their marriage and offer them our best wishes.

Herbert Otter, a brother of Lis Stucker, came to this country from his home near Frankfurt, Germany. He knew about the Farm not only through his sister but also as a member of LAOS, an organisation which is active especially in the eastern part of the U.S. It's name is a Greek word meaning "The whole people of God". It is, Herbert says, a partner organization of Action Reconciliation, through which Lis and other volunteers have come to the Farm. This group lists the Farm among the projects which it serves and which include houses for homeless women in the District of Columbia and a hostel in Kentucky for over night prison visitors. Herbert had a week's training in Washington before coming here, He has graduated from a "gymnasium" in Germany. In another year he will probably return to Germany and will perhaps study psychology.

Kathy Porter heard about Gould Farm at Boston University where she graduated with a major in psychology. Her home is Carmel, N.Y. Last summer she had the great experience of traveling around Europe. She is now assistant manager at the Road-side Store. She plans to be here for a year.

Jan Balles comes from Berkeley, CA. She graduated from the University of California at Berkeley, specializing in health, arts and science, with a minor in psychology. She lived for a time in the Bartimaeus Christian Community and read about the Farm in Sojourners Magazins. She expects to be here for at least a year and has taken on Bretta Oellig's job of running the Roadside Store.

Dugald Wilson, also a volunteer through LAOS, traveled here from his home in Wellington, New Zealand. He graduated from Victoria University in Wellington with a Bachelor's degree in Architecture. His father, a minister, took advanced training with Kent Smith, years ago, so that Dogald knew about Gould Farm. He plans to stay on at least until Christmas.

Jack Ackerman grew up in Needham and has been living in Framingham. While in Great Barrington on a walking trip, he saw the Farm's ad for kitchen help in the Eagle and decided to answer it. Jack is taking over part of Bob Carter's job, getting daily lunches. He plans also to make bread. He has studied architectural engineering at Wentworth Institute and Boston Architectural Center. He also worked in carpentry. He plans to be at the Farm for at least a year.

In last month's Monterey News, Sandra Becker's name was incorrectly given as Duncan. We apologize to Sandy and to the News.

Rose Mc Kee

MONTEREY GRANGE # 291

The Monterey Grange met September 17. Deputy Lucy Ann Wuori was present for an evening of instruction. There was a country store in charge of Ethel Kitibere. Anny was elected to the office of Pomona. Members and friends are asked to collect Price Chopper labels # 41735 for benefit of Grange treasury. On October 15 there will be a competitive Program with Umpachene.

The Monterey Grange met October 1 for an Educational Aid Program in charge of Irv Halsted and committee. Denis Duffin from Lenox and Harry Bonklin from Sheffield, candidates for the State Legislature, conducted the debate. Guests were present from Umpachene, Sheffield and Great Barrington. The worthy master and lecturer will be delegates to the State Session 10/23-24-25 at South Deerfield. Next meeting will be 10/15, when there will be a competitive program with Umpachene Grange. The 70th anniversary of the Grange will be on November 5.

Monterey recently applied for a grant from the Department of Energy to accomplish just these tasks. CET's contribution in these areas will enable the Town of Monterey to go beyond its original expectations and to continue to look for more possibilities for energy conservation and the feasibility of producing power here in town.

Two Mini Contests during the Energy Contest

Town Residents are invited to participate in two contests during the Energy Contest Days.

Contest 1: A prize will be given to the family or individual who comes up with the best plan for getting through the three contest days using minimal electricity. The plan may include any aspect of life affected by energy reduction -- cooking, cleaning, having fun, travelling, keeping warm, keeping clean, etc. Get your completed plan to Ellen Pearson, Box 264 (phone 528-1988) on paper, on tape or in person by October 21, the day before the Contest begins. The family with the best plan will be asked to present it at the Community Dinner October 22nd.

Contest 2: Every resident will receive a manual with Contest tips and a page explaining how to read your electric meter. Read your meter during the week before the Energy Contest beginning at 6:00 Wednesday night October 15 and read it again at 12:00 Noon on Saturday October 18. Calculate your usage. Do the same readings the next week during the Energy Contest days from 6:00 PM Wednesday night October 22 to 12:00 noon Saturday October 25. Calculate your usage. Subtract the first sum from the second and turn all figures in to Ellen Pearson at the noon time picnic in Greene Park. The houshold which reduces its consumption by the greatest percent gets a fabulous prize.

ENERGY PROJECT CONTEST PLANNING MEETING SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 15, 7:30 PM

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ON GAINING NEW PERSPECTIVES (continued)

Our imagination may be so limited we can't see that today or tomorrow makes much difference. Yes, and I may find it easy to cry "will the little I can do make any difference?" The time is here in which I need to believe that what I do with my life makes a difference, not just to myself but to the world. The time is here for each of us to see our lives in this manner. Just as walking requires the movement of both legs to move forward, so let it be that as we move one leg we remember how mistaken we can be. But as we move the other one let us remember that life is perfectable. If we keep moving with both legs we most certainly will go forward.

Virgil V. Brallier, minister
Monterey United Church of Christ

NEWS ABOUT PEOPLE

The Bread and Puppet Theater and Word of Mouth Chorus of Vermont have just returned from an extensive tour for 3 month, of the states, England, France and Italy. Two of the 19 members of the troup were Peter and Mary Alice Amidon, married here in Monterey two years ago at Pete's folk's home, and now living in Burlington, VT. The varied presentation included shows, parades, brass band music and concerts.

The wedding of Peter Schulze and Karen Gotleib was celebrated on September 21 in New Marlborough. They are on a wedding trip to Grece and France. When they return they will spend some time in the southwest of our Country. During their wedding trip their house on New Marlborough Road is undergoing extensive renovation.

Robert Ensign and Virginia Toohey were married on September 27 at a ceremony in the Monterey United Church of Christ attended by family. They had a short wedding trip to Martha's Vineyard. Virginia is continuing her work as a staff person at Gould Farm.

Robert Weitz and Gwen Campbell were married in an out-door ceremony in Monterey by Dr. Virgil V. Brallier. The couple will be residing in West Brookfield. Robert is a town planner in Millbury. Late this year he will graduate from the Western Massachusetts Law School in Springfield.

Elizabeth Darling Hoogs, daughter of Robert and Cynthia Hoogs (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tryon) of Housatonic was baptised at the Monterey United Church of Christ on October 12.

John Carlson of Beartown Road was killed in a car accident on October 4. The funeral was at St. James Episcopal Church in Gt. Barrington and the burial was in Columbus, Ohio.

Alfred J. Sellers died at his home in Buckingham Lane very suddenly. The funeral was in Sun City, Florida.

Michele Miller of Harmon Road, Monterey, founder and owner of the justifiably renown bakery in Lenox, Suchele, has sold that business to a former associate, Amy Loveless.

BOY SCOUTS

Cubs — As a project for Monterey's Energy Days Mrs. Harrey's Wolf Den is going to construct kites. They will have a booth at Greene Park and they will supply the paper bags and string. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

Webelos — The Webelos, led by Mr. Blanchard, are going to hold a firestarting contest at the Monterey Energy Days. They will use flints, sticks, stones and other "woodsman" firestarting ideas.

GIRL SCOUTS

Brownies — The Brownies of Troop 237 met for the first time this school year on October 2. The leaders are Nancy Kalodner, Stephanie Grotz and Maureen Bradley. Gill Amsted has joined the troop and will be invested later in the month. The other Brownies are: Brooke Loder, Florence Jones, Meghan Bradley, Jenny Brown, Natasha Grotz, Anne Marie Makuc, Nancy Phillips and Jessica Thorn.

During their first meeting, they spent some time cleaning up their meeting room in the basement of the library. They also organized the storage cabinet. The rest of the meeting was spent discussing the Monterey Energy Project and how the Brownies could take an active part in energy conservation. At meetings during the rest of the month, they will make place-mats for the community dinner to be held in conjunction with Monterey's participation in the International Energy Conservation Contest.

Juniors — The Juniors, under the leadership of Mrs. Linda Whitbeck, will be making "draft stoppers" for their own homes. They will also have a display at the Energy Days showing how these draft stoppers are made.

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group actively participated in the Energy Days by assembling the "Energy Conservation " packets on Columbus Day, to be distributed by the Monterey Fire Dept. These packets will include reading materials on meter reading, insulation and the like. Also, the Youth Group is studying energy consciousness. They will take this consciousness home and adapt it toward energy conservation.

Kervin Bradley, Youth Editor

A C K N O W L E D G M E N T S

Since the last issue contributions have been received from the following: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Witz, Mr. and Mrs. John O'Connor, Rev. James Chase, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kerwin, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Volkhausen, Mr. T. Folger Thomas. Thank you !

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